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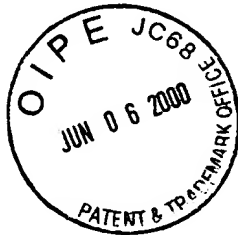
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Copy of Eriksson priority document (U.S. Appl. No. 08/397,651); and
3. One return postcard.

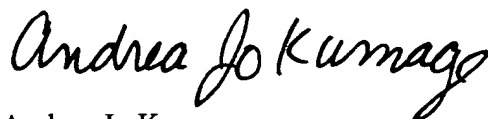
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